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In re application of

Jean-Pierre MARC et al.

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Group 3679

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LOCKING DEVICE AND PIPE COUPLING PROVIDED THEREWITH

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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August 13, 2010

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of May 13, 2010,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of
this paper.